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## **Ice storm slams McAlester AAP**



*U.S. Army photos by Mark Hughes*

Left: Logistics employees at the plant weather icy conditions as they load munitions into a military container for shipment to warfighters. About three inches of ice covered Southeastern Oklahoma bringing down hundreds of power lines and toppling or damaging 200 power poles. Right: A railcar carrying containers is "iced over" at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant.

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**MCAAP Public Affairs Officer**

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McALESTER, Okla. -- Despite a major storm that dumped up to three inches of solid ice on Southeastern Oklahoma Jan. 12-15, workers at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP) braved the brutal weather as essential employees reported to work to begin clean up and continue outloading munitions. Employees from logistics, engineering and public works, and forklift drivers from production operations were required to report to work.

Hundreds of power lines were down along with more than 200 power poles damaged or toppled due to the extreme weight of the ice. The ammunition plant lost all commercial power at 11:30 p.m., Jan. 12.

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## *From the Commanding General's Desk*

In January, we honored the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. At a very meaningful observance I attended at Picatinny, I was reminded of how diverse our JM&L LCMC workforce is.

Our command is made up of several thousand individuals from most walks of life and backgrounds. We work at more than twenty different locations throughout the United States and hold a variety of different jobs.

The extent of this diversity, particularly our geography, makes our life cycle management command somewhat unique from AMC's three other LCMCs.

Despite our many differences, we are strongly united and committed to a common purpose – supporting the warfighter.

Diversity is a remarkable characteristic. If we all thought exactly the same thoughts, viewed things exactly the same way and were exactly alike



**Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo**

in most other respects, I doubt we'd be the continuously improving organization that we've become.

Instead, we'd do things the same way they've always been done and we'd never get better.

Prior to the establishment of our

organization, each of our component organizations has very effectively accomplished its mission.

Diversity played a large part in these many achievements.

Now we all belong to an even more diverse organization and we have the exciting opportunity to become even better at what we've been doing very well.

Some folks believe that an organization should strive for "sameness." I believe that having the benefit of incorporating numerous different ideas and points of view only makes the product better.

That's one reason why I'm excited about our new organization's makeup and the unlimited potential it has for helping us achieve our objectives.

This rich diversity will only help us deliver the best munitions to the right place at the right time for the right cost.

## **ARDEC employees recognized for great service**

**By James Zoll and Ellen Haveman**

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — The customer is always right. The warfighter is the customer.

Dr. Joseph Lannon, Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center director, has reiterated these points at every one of his town-

hall events since becoming the center's director.

He did so again recently when he recognized 112 ARDEC employees for their extraordinary efforts in customer support during the seventh annual ARDEC Customer Service Award Ceremony Dec. 13.

The outstanding ARDEC employ-

ees were specifically recognized by their customers for providing exceptional customer service in all four fiscal quarters of 2006.

In acknowledgment of the achievements, the employees' names were displayed on a scrolling marquee at the beginning of the ceremony, then

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# DAC mourns loss of director

By Jaime Thompson  
DAC Public Affairs

McALESTER, Okla. -- James (Jim) Q. Wheeler, director of the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center (DAC) since 1998, passed away February 4 at his home in Broken Arrow, Okla. As the DAC director he was responsible for executing the organization's mission, which is to support the joint ammunition community worldwide through engineering logistics, training, safety, demil technology and technical assistance. As a senior ammunition logistician, Wheeler also managed the execution of the Quality Assurance Specialist (Ammunition Surveillance) (QASAS) and Ammunition Management programs, which, combined, provide over 1,000 civilian careerists to the field worldwide.

Wheeler was a 1972 graduate of Southwest Missouri State University and earned his Master of Science degree in December 2005 from East Central University in Ada, Okla. He entered federal service in 1979 as a QASAS intern at DAC and his initial assignment was at the Savanna Army Depot (SVAD). He became general foreman at SVAD, where he managed all depot ammunition life cycle operations. During this period, he gained extensive hands-on experience in ammunition logistics, safety and operations in depots, plants, Air Force bomb dumps, Navy, Marine Corps and Army ammunition supply points.

From 2002 through 2003, Wheeler served in a special assignment as Deputy for Operations at U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command (JMC). The assignment was to lead transformation and munitions efforts while executing current munitions readiness operations. His efforts resulted in a successful stand-up of the JMC Plans and Operations office, which continues to provide support to the warfighter.



James (Jim) Q. Wheeler

While assigned to JMC, he also led efforts in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Additionally, Wheeler successfully led the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) of DAC from Savanna, Ill. to its present location in McAlester, Okla. He actively served as a chairman and participant in numerous joint service ammunition groups, developing ammunition policies and R&D programs with government, industry and academia on a global scale. Wheeler was an active member of the Association of the United States Army and National Defense Industrial Association.

From 1985 through 1998, Wheeler held leadership positions with the Armament Munitions and Chemical Command's (AMCCOM) Defense

Ammunition Directorate, U.S. Army Materiel Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Conventional Ammunition, DAC Logistics Review and Assistance Office, Executive Director of the Joint Ordnance Commander's Group/Chief AMCCOM's Joint Activities Office and Associate Director for Technology at DAC.

Throughout his exemplary career, Wheeler received the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Joint Logistics Commanders Certificate of Merit, and the NDIA Citation for Exceptional Service in support of national defense. He also received the Ammunition Manager of the Year in 1995. At the time of his death, he was serving as the Functional Chief Representative of the QASAS Career Program 20 and was a charter member of the Ammunition Manager Career Program 33.

# Hewitt is newest SES



U.S. Army photos by Ted Cavanaugh/EL-HAMM

Left: Sgt. Maj. James E. Taylor, JMC Command Sergeant Major unveils the Senior Executive Service flag during a SES appointment ceremony for Joint Munition Command's Jyuji Hewitt, deputy to the commander. Right: Hewitt repeats the SES oath from Lt. Gen. Mortensen, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

## By JMC Public Affairs Staff

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. -- In a day filled with emotions, Jyuji D. Hewitt took the oath as a Senior Executive Service member during a Jan. 11 afternoon ceremony. It was the second ceremony where Hewitt was the focus.

During a morning ceremony, Hewitt retired as a colonel with the U.S. Army after 28 years of service.

Hewitt was appointed Executive Director of Ammunition for the U.S. Joint Munitions Command. In his SES position, he serves as deputy to the commander and be the senior civilian in JMC.

"This has been a huge day for me. It's been also an emotional day for me," he said as he thanked families, Soldiers and friends for attending. "I understand what is expected of me. We are an Army fighting the Global War of Terror while transforming the Army."

In the new position, Hewitt will focus on the operational side of JMC, including the Munitions and Logistics Readiness Center and the Security Assistance Directorate at the headquarters; the Defense Ammunition

Center in McAlester, Okla.; and JMC's 19 ammunition production plants and storage depots across the nation.

Hewitt had served as JMC Chief of Staff. Prior to coming to JMC Headquarters in September 2005, Hewitt served at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Command as the deputy chief of staff. His other past assignments include serving as commander of two JMC installations: McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Okla., and Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa.

Hewitt had served overseas in Germany, Korea and Japan, in positions that include nuclear policy officer, program manager of the Defense Special Weapons Agency, deputy command ammunition officer, and Army Materiel Command liaison officer. His stateside assignments included serving as a company commander and an operations officer for the 70th Ordnance Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, and as chief of the Weapons and Munitions Section for

the 11th Military Intelligence Battalion at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Hewitt's military training and education included the Ordnance Officer Basic Course and Ordnance Officer Advance Course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. He later served at the school as an instructor and team leader. Hewitt is also a graduate of the Combined Arms Staff Service School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Management Staff College, the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, and the Army War College, where he earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies. Hewitt also holds a Master of Science degree in Physics (Nuclear) from the University of New Hampshire, a masters degree in Systems Management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Maine-Orono, where he earned his commission as an officer through the ROTC program following his graduation in 1978.

Hewitt's wife, parents and two sons attended the ceremony.



# Reach back cell supports mission

By Keith Brailsford &  
Jaime Thompson

McALESTER, Okla. -- The Multi-National Corps-Iraq requested the services of the U. S. Army Defense Ammunition Center (DAC) to assess theater ammunition supply points, ammunition holding areas, and basic load ammunition holding areas, and to assist in writing documentation for site selection and licensing of ammunition and explosives (Class V) storage locations. In response, DAC deployed two quality assurance specialists (ammunition surveillance), called QASAS, in September 2006 to the Iraq area of operations and created a reach-back cell in country to support the mission.

The deployed augmenters have completed the assessments of the pre-determined storage areas and the cell is compiling, reviewing, verifying, and validating the documentation they generated. The goal of the cell is to create a repository of explosives safety information for each location. The information will be filed electronically and in hard copy and will be available "read only" to commanders, QASAS, explosives safety and other interested parties via Army Knowledge Online. The information will be kept current and will serve as an effective tool to assist those



U.S. Army photo provided by Jaime Thompson

**DAC employees Ron Thornhill, Jeff Paddock and Dan Pezzulo have been deployed since late September 2006 in support of back cell mission.**

theater ASPs.

"Every design was created to provide explosives safety for personnel and asset protection" says cell member, Keith Brailsford, QASAS. "The designs are also practical enough to meet tactical requirements."

As a result of the reach-back cell, the local QASAS and safety specialists will have the necessary explosives safety assistance and training to support their mission requirements, as well as a continuous flow of current and accurate information available via AKO.

QASAS personnel duties enhance the quality, reliability, safety, and efficiency of the ammunition missions in support of Army readiness.

responsible for explosives safety at a particular location.

Additionally, the reach-back cell is creating site packages designed to meet mission requirements based on the amount of real estate and storage space available. The various storage methods will be designed, with alternatives, to fit into most footprints the users will encounter. The types of storage options available vary from small footprint designs that provide limited protection from incoming mortar attacks up to wide-spread designs for large footprint requirements such as

## DAC team wins AUSA awards



**The late DAC director, Jim Wheeler, right, presents Paul Torkelson, chief designer of the Yellowbook, with an AUSA Citation award.**

**Story & Photo by Jaime Thompson  
DAC Public Affairs**

McALESTER, Okla. -- The Logistics Review and Technical Assistance Office (LRTAO), within the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center (DAC) received two Citations for Exceptional Service awards from the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) during the annual fall 2006 meeting.

The two awards were presented in recognition of the Ammunition Logistics Review program conducted by the LRTAO and the preparation and distribution of the "Yellow Book." The ammunition review program was recognized for its significant contributions to the U.S. Army.

The "Yellow Book" was recognized for its significant

# Letterkenny improves ammunition igloos

By Edward Averill

Letterkenny Munitions Center Public Affairs

A Military Construction Army project at Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) is improving JMC's ability to quickly outload missiles.

The project currently underway at LEMC widens the doors of 92 earth-covered munitions storage magazines (igloos) from four-foot-wide to 10-foot-wide. It also includes replacing the entrance steps with concrete entrance ramps, eliminating the two-step differential between the pavement and the igloo floor level. These modified storage igloos will allow LEMC to store some the most advanced high-technology tactical missiles and munitions in the military's inventory.

Construction began in early 2006. Thirty have been completed. These improved igloos significantly enhance LEMC'S storage capabilities. LEMC is a major storage and maintenance site for tactical missiles and ammunition on the East Coast. It is a joint service operation and a first line shipment site.

LEMC stores and maintains more than \$7.2 billion in joint munitions, including numerous Army and other service's missiles, such as the Army Tactical Missile System, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System, Air Force and Navy High-speed Anti-Radiation Missiles, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, Sidewinder, and other missiles.

The enlarged doors allow for safer, more efficient handling and storage of these missiles. The project transforms these igloos to allow more efficient handling of today's high tech munitions; eliminating the need for temporary ramps and reducing to one (from two) forklifts required to jockey today's larger munitions vs. the 1940's hand-held munitions.



U.S. Army photos provided by LEMC

**Top: A workers cuts an old four-foot-wide door from the magazine headwall. Bottom: LEMC employee Richard Sanders demonstrates the ease the 10-foot-doors create for moving Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) out of storage.**

## TEAD partners with Corpus Christi Army Depot

By Kathy Anderson

Tooele Army Depot Public Affairs

In October 2006, Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) directorate of ammunition logistics and engineering, entered into a partnership agreement with Corpus Christi Army Depot, directorate of production management, aviation readiness division, to manufacture TDY Fixture Kits that support the Apache and Blackhawk helicopters that are currently in support of the war in Iraq.

TEAD pilot model shop has completed and shipped the first two kits completed with all fixtures. Fixtures include: servo beam alignment, transmission servo alignment, drive shaft alignment, and drilling fixtures just to name a few.

This partnership will be completed by April.



U.S. Army photos by Kathy Anderson/TEAD

**A close up view of TDY alignment kits for Apache and Blackhawk helicopters.**



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## Support

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have not been forgotten by their country and their fellow citizens,” the note read.

Schreck echoed Izzo’s thank you and presented Monaco with a sketch of Picatinny inscribed with the words, “Picatinny salutes Jackie Evans, Inc. for supporting America’s wounded warfighters.”

Schreck also told a story about a visit he took to Walter Reed. Schreck said he spoke with a multiple-amputee

sufferer and gave him one of the blankets. As the Soldier accepted the blanket, he cradled it against his chest and started crying. The exchange was so powerful Schreck said even the medic in the room was crying.

“These guys really appreciate these blankets,” said Schreck.

Monaco estimates that 200 to 400 blankets have been distributed to wounded military personnel.

## Employees

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Lannon and James Zoll, the ARDEC customer survey administrator, presented each employee with a black briefcase imprinted with the ARDEC cannon-gates logo.

To help ARDEC’s commitment to providing quality customer support, center officials implemented strategic metrics to measure and report on how well the center is performing the function.

Each quarter, ARDEC customers report on how well ARDEC is supporting the customers’ programs in the areas of quality, timeliness, team work, management involvement and fiscal discipline.

Customers are encouraged to provide a numerical rating to each ARDEC organization that provides support in the five categories on a scale of 1 to 4 with a “4” being exceptional support. The scores are then posted on the ARDEC Web site each quarter so all employees can see how their directorate or center stands in relation to the rest

of ARDEC. The results can be found at <https://www/advocate/>.

Besides the numerical rating for the organization, customers are encouraged to include names of ARDEC employees who performed outstanding work for the quarter. It is this citation that is recognized at the annual awards ceremony.

The 112 employees recognized at the ceremony represented just one part of the positive customer support provided during the year. In fiscal year 2006 there were 2,379 incidents of people being recognized by name for exceptional service – they ranged from acknowledging 252 employees a quarter to 603 a quarter.

As an organization, ARDEC’s overall rating was 3.77, which exceeded the center’s goal of 3.70.

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contributions to all services and organizations of the Department of Defense.

The Ammunition Logistics Review Program was recognized for 35 years of assessing the ammunition missions of 93 worldwide Army locations. From its inception in 1972 through fiscal year 2006, 473 reviews have been conducted in 41 states and numerous OCONUS locations. Approximately 20 reviews and 20 technical assistance visits are conducted each fiscal year at the direction of the program proponent, the Army G-4.

AUSA recognized the “Yellow Book,” formally named “Hazard Classification of United States Military Explosives and Munitions,” as one of the most used reference docu-

ments of military and civilian ammunition professionals.

This handy pocket-sized publication, called the “Yellow Book” due to its distinctive yellow cover, is full of useful information about the munitions stockpile. The first edition was published in November 1974. The current edition, Revision 12, was published in February 2004 with a distribution of approximately 20,000 copies to the U.S. military services, civilian organizations, and the military services of various foreign countries that use U.S. military munitions and explosives.

The “Yellow Book” is available online at [www.dac.army.mil](http://www.dac.army.mil) under *Available Products* and hard copies can be requested through this website as well.

# Izzo recognized with community award

By Audra Calloway  
Picatinny Public Affairs Office

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. - The Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command commander was awarded the prestigious William P. Huber Award for outstanding volunteer leadership during a recent Morris County Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

U.S. Rep. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen presented the award to Picatinny Commanding General Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo in a ceremony held during the group's 86th annual luncheon.

"The Huber award, the chamber's top recognition, honors a member of the business community who displayed outstanding leadership," said Frelinghuysen, who represents Picatinny's district. "Paul Izzo's career of over 30 years of selfless, dedicated service to our young men and women in uniform, to the Army, to all of our services and to our nation is indeed remarkable."

Frelinghuysen said Izzo, who also serves as the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command commander, was the first military leader to be so honored by the Morris County Chamber.

"The honor he will receive today is well deserved recognition of his contributions to Morris County and his exceptional, indeed exceptional, and energetic leadership of Picatinny as the arsenal continues its vital and innovative work in partnership with private sectors to support our warfighters in the cause of freedom," he said.

Izzo was nominated for the Huber Award because of his enthusiastic involvement in the Morris County community. A few of his most notable community contributions include organizing a fallen Soldier monument at Picatinny, working with local school officials to educate the community about how Picatinny technology supports the warfighter, supporting local veterans organizations and encouraging local student groups to tour Picatinny.

Izzo also frequently speaks at community events, such as the flag ceremony held at Montville's Robert R. Lazar Middle School in June.

Sharon Carr, Robert R. Lazar Middle School assistant principal, said the general's visit made a great impact on the student body.

During that particular ceremony, which honored the



U.S. Army photos by Erin Usawicz

**JM&L LCMC Commander Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, U.S. Rep. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen and Morris County Chamber of Commerce President Florence Block pose with the William P. Huber Award Jan. 16. Izzo received the award for his outstanding volunteer leadership in the community.**

school for gathering supplies for deployed Soldiers, Izzo spoke to 1,030 students, more than 100 staff members, Veterans of Foreign War members and parents, said Carr.

"(He) made learning real and memorable, and reached so many of us on all different levels with his eloquent, sincere words of thanks. I'm not sure he will ever know the students he reached or the difference he made in his brief visit," she said.

Carr said that after the flag ceremony, students were even in the lunch room trying to fold their napkins as they had seen the flag folded.

As Izzo accepted the Huber Award, he thanked the chamber members for the award, as well as the opportunity to represent the Soldier and to project Picatinny, which he referred to as "that tremendous workforce we have there that has done so much in the past and continues to work hard today to support our Soldiers."

"Thank you so much for this honor. I am truly humbled by your hospitality and for bringing my wife and me into this forum and being part of your day today," the general said. "But without a doubt I have been blessed to have the honor to serve you as citizens, to serve our Soldiers, to serve Picatinny and of course to serve our great nation."



# Fort Benning Soldiers visit Anniston Munitions Center

By Lt. Col. Garry McClendon,  
ADMC Commander

ANNISTON, Ala. – Recently, eight Soldiers from the Anti-Armor Leadership Course (AALC) at Fort Benning, Ga. visited the Anniston Defense Munitions Center (ADMC).

During the visit, the Soldiers, accompanied by three members of the TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire command-link guided) Missile System Program Office, participated in a question and answer panel and toured the missile recycling center.

The leadership course at Fort Benning trains Soldiers on the use of the TOW weapon systems, maintenance and troubleshooting, M2, .50 Cal/MK 19 machine guns, machine guns aiming devices, TOW gunnery training, threat armor, tactics and live fire.

For most Soldiers, the course provides them the only opportunity they will have to fire a TOW missile in a training environment. The TOW consists of a tripod, traversing unit, missile guidance set, launch tube, optical sight, battery assembly and any of five missile variations.

All of the Soldiers who visited had been deployed either to Iraq or Afghanistan.

During the question and answer panel the Soldiers talked about their confidence in the TOW missile and their appreciation of the civilian employees at the ADCM. The Soldiers said they never experienced a shortage of TOW missiles during combat operations. This is good news for the ADCM whose employees receive, store, maintain, and ship more than 90 percent of all TOWs worldwide.

The Soldiers had the opportunity to tour the Army's only missile recycling center where they saw first hand how TOW missiles that have reached their shelf life are being recycled to produce new versions of the TOW missile for the future.

"The visit provided us a better understanding of TOW missile demilitarization and recycling. We also enjoyed the panel discussion with the division chiefs, planners and supervisors on the ADCM role in supporting our war-fighters," said Maj. Keith Singleton, with the AALC. "We now have a better appreciation for the quality of work that your employees maintain to provide Soldiers with reliable TOW missiles. The TOW missile and demilitarization information received during our visit will enhance the instruction which the Anti-Armor Leader Course instructors provide to the Soldiers that attend their course."

## Iowa AAP recognizes local police force



MIDDLETON, Iowa -- The Fort Madison Police Department assisted in the recovery efforts during the June 12, 2006 blast at the IAAAP providing their Mobile Command Post for use by the several investigative agencies at the plant. Lt. Col. Jack Judy and the plant's Provost Marshal, Bob Haines, recently paid a visit and presented them with a certificate of appreciation and commander's coin for their support. Left: Lt. Col. Judy presents Lee County EMA Coordinator Stephen Cirinna a commander's coin. Right: Lt. Col. Judy presents a certificate to Sgt. Bruce Niggemeyer.

# PM for Intelligent Munitions System receives charter



U.S. Army photos by Erin Usawicz

Left: Lt. Col. James O. Winbush Jr., speaks during the product manager Intelligent Munitions System assumption-of-charter ceremony. Right: Col. John L. Koster (from left); project manager for PM CCS; Patricia L. Felth, deputy project manager for PM CCS; Lt. Col. Winbush, project manager for PM IMS; Joseph Pelino, deputy product manager for PM IMS; and James C. Sutton, deputy program executive officer for the PEO-AMMO; pose with the project manager IMS charter.

**By Jennifer Keating**

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — The Project Manager for Close Combat Systems, part of the Joint Munition and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, chartered its first Product Management Office, the Product Manager for Intelligent Munitions System, in an assumption-of-charter ceremony in December.

During the ceremony, Col. John L. Koster, project manager for PM CCS, welcomed Lt. Col. James O. Winbush Jr. as the product manager of PM IMS.

Under Winbush's leadership, PM IMS will oversee the development and evolution of the Intelligent Munitions System, a system of munitions, sensors and communication devices that will give U.S. forces the ability to detect and neutralize enemy forces, cover gaps in dangerous terrain to prevent enemy maneuver, protect fixed facilities and secure flanks, allow for movement of friendly forces and provide

for immediate selective engagement and much more.

"IMS is an integral part of the Future Combat System. It combines detailed battlefield intelligence with precision munitions so our forces can precisely attack light-wheeled and heavy-tracked vehicles as well as enemy personnel," said Winbush, explaining that multiple units can be networked to expand the area of force protection and battle space shaping in both tactical and urban terrain.

The IMS team is highly qualified for the task ahead, said Koster. "We're very fortunate to have a group of people dedicated to this effort who have the technical experience, management expertise and great enthusiasm to get the job done."

He added that the Future Combat System – and by extension IMS – is "at the core of the Army's efforts to ensure that the Army will move, shoot and communicate better than ever before. We are proud to be a part of that effort."



# VE program saves \$91 million

By Ferdinand del Carmen

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — Fiscal year 2006 capped another year of extraordinary accomplishments for the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Program Executive Office for Ammunition's Value Engineering program.

The VE program ends the year with \$91.305 million in cost savings and avoidance, exceeding the annual VE goal by 913 percent. This figure also represented 86 percent of the total Joint Munitions Command VE savings and cost avoidance for fiscal year 2006.

ARDEC continues to successfully grow a "VE culture" through a number of high-promotion activities: newspaper articles highlighting VE initiatives, training classes, special workshops and maintaining a series of contacts both within ARDEC and other organizations located throughout the Picatinny site. The result has been numerous awards and recognition from higher headquarters, including the JMC, Army Materiel Command and the Department of Defense.

"The DoD and AMC awards presented to ARDEC and PEO Ammo over the past several years are a strong testimony to the holistic approach of the VE program at ARDEC," said Mathew Schade, AMC VE coordinator.

His comment was further echoed by the JMC VE manager, Robert Roehlk who said that ARDEC and PEO Ammo have demonstrated a "remarkable commitment" to the VE program by coming up with affordable ammunition for the warfighters year after year.

The Joint Munition and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command technical community continues to provide the warfighter with the best technology, while at the same time being mindful of cost in that endeavor.

One significant projects example the fiscal year 2006 VE program implemented was the development of a substitute cartridge (M769 60mm full range practice cartridge) for infantry mortar training in place of the more expensive high-explosive tactical mortar. Another example was the reclamation of the 8-inch M106 projectile scrap steel planned for demilitarization.

And, finally, a third example of a significant project was the elimination of the supplementary charges in 155mm M107 high explosive projectile by using the M732 fuze.

The ARDEC and PEO Ammo VE program is always looking for ways to continually improve the way it conducts business, said Seham Salazar, PEO Ammo VE manager.

# Miracle year of donations for CFC

By Gale Smith  
JMC Public Affairs

"Every one of us can be the miracle" was the theme of the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign and it certainly was a miracle year across the Joint Munitions Command.

Of JMC installations with statistics available, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant had the highest percentage of givers with 76 percent of its employees participating. They donated \$6,592, which was \$2,392 over the goal of \$4,200. The Heartland CFC recognized the plant's tremendous success with the Caring for Community Award. The Heartland CFC covers 25 counties in western Missouri and eastern Kansas.

The Illowa Bi-State CFC recognized the great work of the JMC headquarters at Rock Island Arsenal with the Highest Percent Participation Award for a large organization (over 500 personnel). Forty-nine percent of headquarters' employees participated, raising \$80,297, the most money ever. The Illowa CFC covers 12 counties in western Illinois and eastern Iowa.

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant and the Defense Ammunition Center located on the plant are a part of the McAlester Area CFC. The 1,459 workers there form the largest concentration of federal employees at any JMC

installation. Their campaign was also very successful, going over its \$47,000 goal by raising \$50,630. A total of 345 employees there contributed.

Tooele Army Depot raised \$43,885 when 27 percent of its 514 federal employees donated. This was an eight percent increase over the 2005 campaign and another great year for TEAD, a part of the Utah/ Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming CFC. Col. Anne Davis, Commander of TEAD, will be the CFC Chair for their 2007 campaign.

Seventy-one employees of Blue Grass Army Depot donated through the Central Kentucky CFC. They surpassed their goal of \$12,000 by giving \$16,650. This represented a 30 percent increase from 2006 in both dollars and participation. The Central Kentucky CFC covers 43 counties in the state.

The CFC is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by federal, postal and military employees in their workplaces each fall. It is the only authorized fund raising campaign for charities permitted in federal and postal workplaces. Army organizations also run the Army Emergency Relief Campaign and many installations participate in the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots.

Every year, federal employees donate millions of dollars through the CFC that benefit thousands of non-profit charities across our nation and around the globe.

# Izzo recognizes business owner's support to wounded warriors

By Audra Calloway  
Picatinny Public Affairs Office

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — A local business owner was recently recognized by the Joint Munition and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command commander for his generosity and kindness in support of wounded military members.

During a tour of the Jackie Evans, Inc., manufacturing facility in Passaic, Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo presented Mario Monaco Jr. with a two-star note in recognition of continued support to wounded Soldiers Jan. 23.

Since Jackie Evans opened for business in 1966, the company has manufactured at its various facilities an array of clothing items from Girl Scout apparel to designer label Susana Monaco.

However, these days Jackie Evans' employees also manufacture a new product that never reaches stores — blankets for wounded Soldiers and Marines.

The blanket donations to wounded service members are a fitting gesture because Jackie Evans' owner has deep rooted ties to the military. Monaco is a retired gunnery sergeant who served as a Marine reservist with the Company G, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, at Picatinny. He is also a current member of the Lance Cpl. Robert J. Slattery Detachment of the Marine Corps League, a Marine support organization.

One of the ways the Marine Corps League supports Marines and their families is through the Marines Helping Marines program. The program was created to aid injured Marine Corps personnel recovering at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere.

As part of the Marines Helping Marines program, Slattery Detachment members visit Bethesda and Walter Reed once a month to give "ditty" kits, along with encouragement and good wishes, to injured military personnel.

The "ditty" kits include various gift cards, apparel and other products donated by corporations. The league also distributes the blankets manufactured by Jackie Evans.

"It's a little piece of home we try to provide them," said Monaco. "We tell (the wounded), 'This is not going to solve your problems, we just want you to know we're here for you. What can we do?'"

Monaco, who designed the blankets, said the wounded



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**JM&L LCMC Commander Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, Jackie Evans owner retired Gunnery Sgt. Mario Monaco Jr., and Capt. Ted Wiley, aide-de-camp, hold a Jackie Evans manufactured Army blanket. The flag was presented to Izzo during a tour of Manoco' facilities**

become very attached to the blankets and almost begin to think of them as their security blankets. He said he remembered putting a blanket on a severely wounded Marine and later the Marine's father called to thank him. The father said his son loved the blanket and held onto it every day.

"(The father) actually started crying on the phone," said Monaco, who later sent the family another blanket because the original had meant so much to them all.

Monaco's company produces two types of blankets, one with a Marine logo and one with an Army logo. Even though Monaco is part of the Marine Corps League, he said he wants to help all wounded military personnel.

"We're all one, it doesn't matter," said Monaco.

Monaco donates some of the Army blankets to Picatinny for Izzo and Picatinny Sergeant Major Sgt. Maj. Gerald Schreck to distribute during their visits to Walter Reed.

In recognition of Jackie Evans' generosity, Izzo thanked Monaco for supporting the wounded service members and presented him with a two-star note.

"Because of the efforts of individuals like you and companies like Jackie Evans, these exceptional men and women being treated at these two facilities realize that they





U.S. Army photos by Mark Hughes and Ken Williams

**Ice storm photos: Left: Utility poles and wires are weighed down due to ice. Right: A small tree leans over due to excessive ice outside a Defense Ammunition Center building. Bottom: An utility worker inspects power lines.**

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About 80 MCAAP generators were strategically deployed throughout the 45,000 acre plant to power mission-essential facilities. The plant opened the gymnasium for employees and their families to use the showers along with the showers and laundry facility at the plant's on-site RV park.

Within an hour of the plant losing power, high-voltage electricians reported to work to begin the dangerous job of repairing downed power lines and repairing and replacing power poles while others handled chain saws to remove downed trees blocking roads.

At 6:30 a.m., the morning after the storm, about 200 logistics workers reported to load ammunition, receive incoming loads and meet critical "required delivery dates" (RDD).

"Since the ice storm, we've had 100 percent RDD rates, which maintains our perfect record of 100 percent on time delivery. We're doing normal business, just a little slower," said James Franks, chief of operations division, logistics directorate.

For the first time since 1981 when a similar storm roared through this part of Oklahoma, the bomb production line was affected due to weather. Plant officials estimated it would be a maximum of two weeks before the production line was running again.

Col. Gary Carney, plant commander, stated, "Our recovery is going well. It could be a lot worse but with the dedication and professionalism of our work force, working in austere and often harsh conditions, we are able to restore our facility and still meet our warfighters requirements. Good people doing a great job."

Even with its own extensive recovery effort, McAlester still helped the local community. The plant provided cots to the local hospital as part of their mutual aid agreement and was one of the major staging areas for both the Oklahoma Public Service Company and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Public Service Company (PSO) of Oklahoma staged around 200 trucks from five surrounding states in the gravel-covered parking lot just outside the plant's main gate. More than 400 PSO employees worked 16 hour days to restore power.

In the paved parking lot outside the plant's main gate, FEMA staged more than 100 generators for use in the region to run public health facilities.

After the ice storm, more than 12,000 McAlester residents were without power, out of a population of 20,000. Local utility companies reported that some rural areas could be without power for up to four weeks.

